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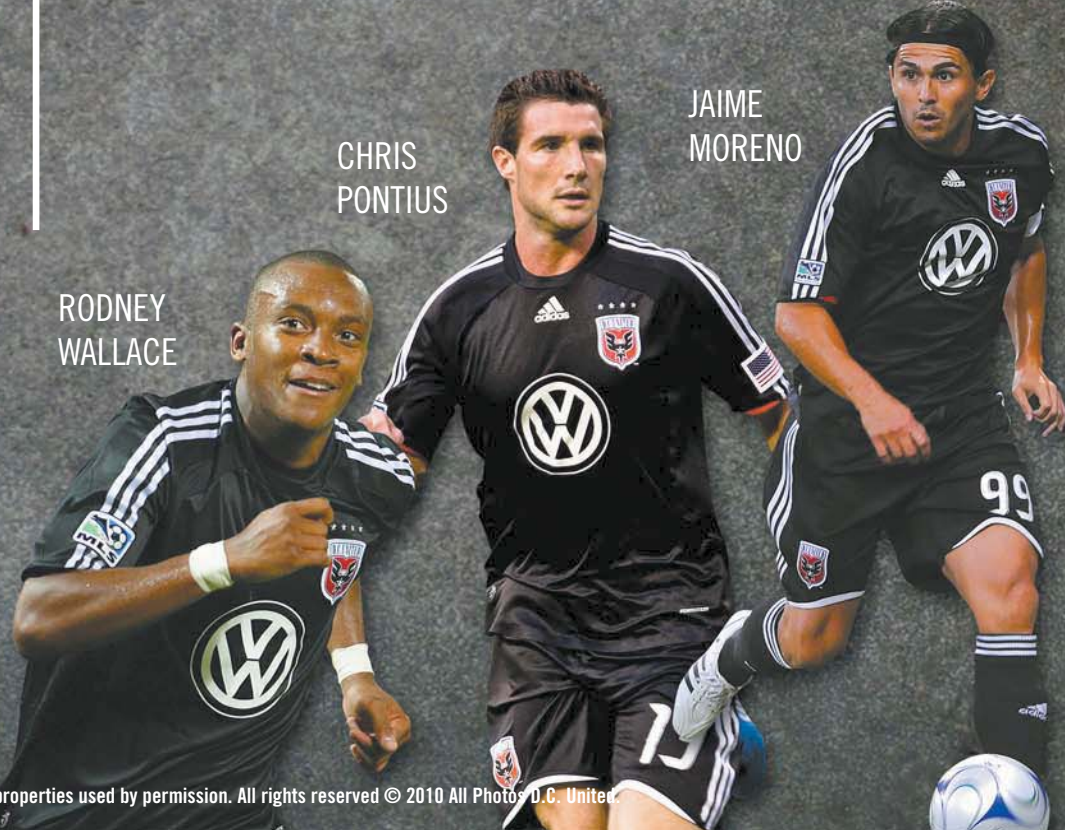
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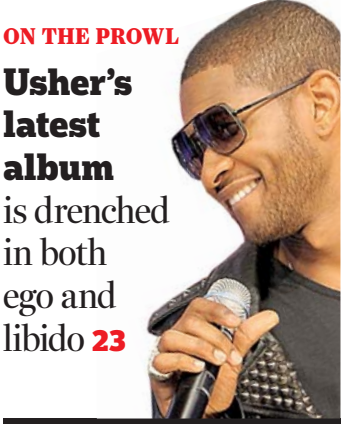
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CHARLES HARAPAK/AP



EYE OPENERS

The ‘Legal’ Part Took All the Mystery Away

America’s first legal male prostitute has left a Nevada brothel after a two-month stint that generated plenty of attention but fewer than 10 paying customers. Brothel owners Bobbi and Jim Davis said Friday the Shady Lady Ranch had parted ways with “Markus” and that the departure was a mutual decision. (AP)

‘Collectible Spoons of the Third Reich’ Was ROBBED

A book charting the frontier between handicrafts and geometry has won the Diagram Prize for the year’s oddest book title. “Crocheting Adventures With Hyperbolic Planes” beat “What Kind of Bean Is This Chihuahua?” and “Collectible Spoons of the Third Reich.” Overseer Horace Bent said “the public proclivity towards non-Euclidian needlework” proved too strong for the competition. (AP)

‘Don’t Quit on Me Now, Man. ... Nooooooooo!’



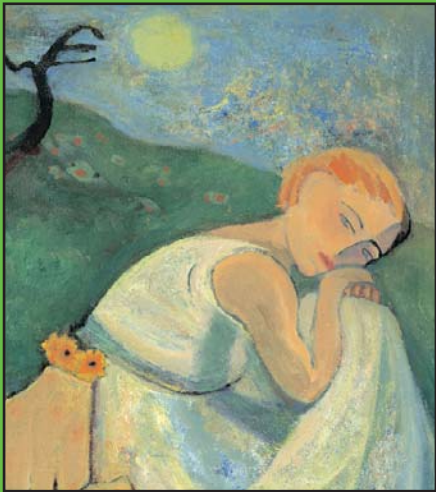
Police charged a Brookville, Pa., man with public drunkenness after he was seen trying to resuscitate a dead opossum along a highway. Several people saw Donald Wolfe of Brookville. One person saw Wolfe kneeling before the animal and gesturing as though he were conducting a seance. Another saw Wolfe attempting to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Police say the animal already had been dead awhile. (AP)

The Big Picture

JOHANNES SIMON/GETTY IMAGES



AND PEOPLE SAY teenage girls spend too much time on their hair! Several gentlemen of Garmisch-Partenkirchen’s beard club presented their finest chin growths Saturday for the town’s beard competition — it’s 25th. According to Worldbeardchampionships.com, beard clubs in Europe are not unusual. (EXPRESS)



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For Voters, It's Still the Economy

Polls show that jobs, not health care, will be top election issue

Washington

Losers in a brutal struggle with President Obama, Republicans now hope voter anger over newly enacted health care legislation will propel them to victory in the November election when control of Congress will be at stake.

Forget about it.

No matter the impact of health care, the economy still matters most — unemployment in particular — in a country struggling to emerge from the deepest recession in decades.

In poll after poll, it isn't even close.

A CBS/New York Times poll taken last month, when the health care debate was in a lull, showed 52 percent of those surveyed identified the economy as their top priority. Health care was a distant second at 13 percent.

The gap closed somewhat this month as Obama and the Dem-



The long recession has left millions of Americans struggling to find employment.

ocratic-controlled Congress put more of a focus on the legislation, but not by enough to upend the public's order of priorities. A CNN/Opinion research survey in mid-March showed the economy was the top issue, at 43 percent of those polled, with health care at 23 percent.

"There is still one number that matters most on Election Day, and that is the unemployment number," said David Winston, a Republican pollster. "If unemployment is where it is now [9.7 percent nationally], people are going to be very unhappy and looking for a change."

For all the recent focus on

health care, this is hardly news to Obama, his aides or other Democrats who anxiously scan economic statistics for signs of job growth that have yet to materialize.

"Starting, hopefully, in early April, you're going to see job growth, not job negative," said Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey, the head of the Democratic senatorial campaign effort.

Underscoring their eagerness to switch issues, a few House Democrats held a news conference before Congress began its vacation at week's end to say they were looking forward to working on economic concerns when they returned.

It's also likely that both parties will try to connect the economy and health care in the minds of the voters heading into the fall campaign.

"Americans are asking, 'Where are the jobs?'" but Democrats remain focused on this job-killing government takeover of health care," House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio said as Obama's allies were pushing their legislation through Congress. **DAVID ESPO (AP)**

Axelrod: World United on Iran

Washington

A top White House adviser says the U.S. is making progress in its efforts to find allies to hold the line on Iran's nuclear ambitions.

In an appearance on CNN's "State of the Union," David Axelrod said that at the start of the Obama administration, Iran was united while the world was divided on how best to deal with the country's nuclear aspirations. Axelrod says the situation is now reversed — the world is coming together, while Iran itself is divided.

Top adviser Valerie Jarrett said on ABC that a "strong world coalition" is coming together that will cause Iran to back down. **(AP)**

Hearsay

"I'm running as a Republican. I'm very proud to be from the party of Abraham Lincoln."



— **CHARLIE CRIST**, FLORIDA GOVERNOR, DECLARING HE WON'T RUN FOR THE SENATE AS AN INDEPENDENT IF HE LOSES IN THE GOP PRIMARY.

FREAK ACCIDENTS

A zookeeper in Rhode Island was treated at a hospital for minor injuries Saturday after butting heads with a giraffe. A representative for the Roger Williams Park Zoo told the Providence Journal that the 18-foot-tall giraffe was being playful and took a swipe at the keeper when she was cleaning up in a space between the exhibit and the public viewing area on Saturday. The keeper remained conscious and was able to walk to safety. **(AP)**

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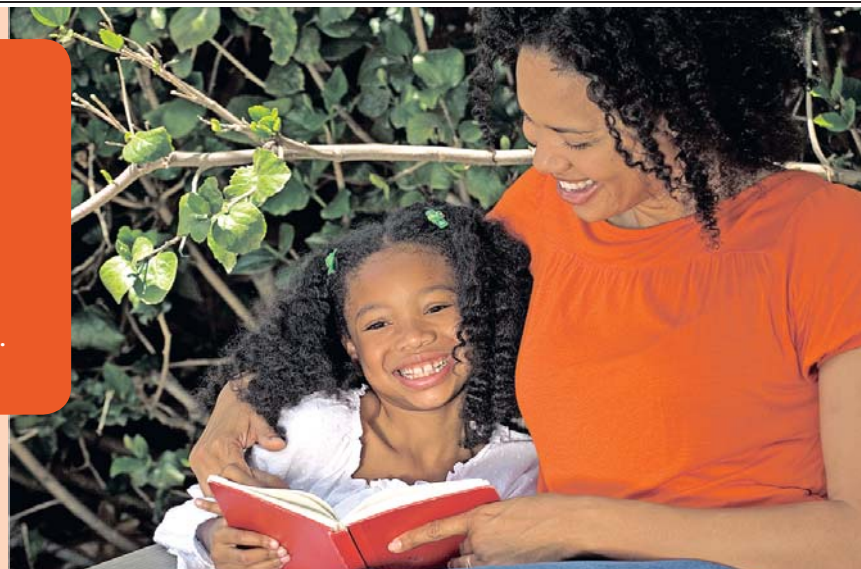
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Ford to Part With Volvo

Chinese automaker to buy luxury brand in deal worth \$1.8B

Business

Zhejiang Geely Holding Group signed a binding deal Sunday to buy Ford Motor Co.'s Volvo Cars unit for \$1.8 billion, representing a coup for the independent Chinese automaker, which is aiming to expand in Europe.

The purchase gives Geely a European luxury car brand with a reputation for safety and high quality at a time when China, which last year surpassed the U.S. as the world's largest car market, is eager to improve its competitiveness by acquiring foreign automotive brands that might help it improve its technology and expand into overseas markets.



Geely Chairman Li Shufu, left, and Ford CFO Lewis Booth sealed a deal Sunday.

The price, which includes a \$200 million note with the remainder to be paid out in cash, is far less than the \$6.45 billion Ford paid for the Swedish automaker in 1999. The U.S. automaker has been trying to sell Volvo since late 2008

to focus its resources on managing its core Ford, Lincoln and Mercury brands.

"We think it's a fair price for a good business, and, yes, we're happy with the deal we've achieved with Geely," said Ford Chief Financial Officer Lewis Booth on Sunday at a news conference at Volvo Cars headquarters in Goteborg, on Sweden's west coast. Booth added that his company believes that, under Geely, "Volvo can continue to build its business and return to profitability."

The agreement was signed by Booth and Geely's chairman, Li Shufu, who described the deal as "a milestone."

Geely said it aims to keep Volvo's existing manufacturing facilities in Sweden and Belgium, but that it also will explore manufacturing opportunities in China.

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Weekend Review

1 CHICAGO Cabdriver Is Accused Of Trying to Aid Al-Qaeda

Federal prosecutors are accusing a Chicago cabdriver of trying to provide funds to al-Qaeda, saying the man planned to send money to a terrorist leader in Pakistan who had said he needed cash for explosives. Raja Lahrasib Khan, 56, was charged on Friday. (AP)

2 WASHINGTON Obama Bypasses Senate

Fed up with waiting, President Obama announced Saturday he would bypass a vacationing Senate and name 15 people to key administration jobs, wielding for the first time the political tool known as the recess appointment. The appointees include the contentious choice of union lawyer Craig Becker to the National Labor Relations Board. (AP)

3 "We are getting down to business. ... We are not going to sit down and shut up."

— SARAH PALIN, AT A TEA PARTY RALLY ON SATURDAY IN SEARCHLIGHT, NEV., THE HOMETOWN OF SEN. HARRY REID, D-NEV. REID IS SEEKING RE-ELECTION THIS YEAR.

4 QUITO, ECUADOR Chavez Defends Arrest

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Friday defended the arrest of a major anti-Chavez TV channel owner, calling him a criminal and denying the government is carrying out an assault on press freedom. Opposition leaders and rights groups condemned Thursday's arrest of Globovision owner Guillermo Zuloaga. (AP)

5 Earth's Darkest Hour

The Eiffel Tower is seen before and after going dark on Saturday in recognition of Earth Hour. Landmarks around the world shut off their lights for an hour to highlight the threat of climate change.

6 DAKAR, SENEGAL Report: 321 Civilians Killed in Congo Massacre

At least 321 civilians were killed in a previously unreported massacre in Congo in late 2009, while villagers who escaped their rebel captors were sent back with their lips and ears cut off as a warning to others of what would happen if they tried to talk, according to a report released Saturday by Human Rights Watch. (AP)

7 SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA Mystery Blast Sinks Ship

A mysterious explosion sank a South Korean navy ship early Saturday near the tense border with North Korea, leaving 46 crew members missing. The 1,200-ton Cheonan had been on a routine patrol in the Yellow Sea. (AP)

8 BAGHDAD Allawi Is Election Victor

Former U.S.-backed prime minister Ayad Allawi and his secular, anti-Iranian coalition narrowly won Iraq's parliamentary elections in final returns Friday, edging out the bloc of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who angrily vowed to challenge the results. Hours before the results were announced, two bombings near a restaurant in a city north of Baghdad killed at least 40 people — a harbinger of a spike in violence that many Iraqis fear could accompany lengthy negotiations on forming a coalition government. (AP)

In Brief



WILLIAM FERNANDO MARTINEZ/AP

Colombian soldier Josue Calvo, right, walks with his sister after he was freed.

VILLAVICENCIO, COLOMBIA Rebels Release Captive

Colombian rebels handed over a 23-year-old Colombian soldier to the International Red Cross on Sunday in their first release of a captive in more than a year. Pvt. Josue Calvo, who had been held since April 2009, is the first of two soldiers the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia says it is freeing this week. (AP)

MOSCOW

Two Time Zones Are Cut

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev thought the country had too much time on its hands, so on Sunday he eliminated two of its 11 time zones. Medvedev said the change would help the country be more efficient. (AP)

Iraqis Fear Sectarian Violence

Bombs target house tied to Sunni leader who won election

Baghdad

Several bombs exploded Sunday near a house linked to a prominent Sunni figure who ran in this month's parliamentary elections in Iraq, killing five people and wounding 26 others, a police official said.

The attack adds to fears of post-election violence as the bitter rivals enter what are expected to be drawn-out talks on forming the next government that will rule Iraq as U.S. troops leave by the end of 2011.

Sunday's blasts took place in the town of Qaim, about 200 miles west of Baghdad and on the border with Syria, the police official said.

The first bomb, planted at a house under construction, went off at 7 a.m. in a busy area of Qaim. As onlookers gathered, four more bombs hidden in trash littered around the site detonated, causing the casualties.



KHALID MOHAMMED/AP

Mourners in Baghdad on Sunday carry the coffin of Sunni leader Khalil al-Obaidi, who was killed on Saturday after celebrating Ayad Allawi's election victory.

The official said the house belongs to a brother of Sheik Muthi Muhammad al-Mahalawi, a Sunni candidate who ran on the Iraqiya list led by former prime minister Ayad Allawi, the top vote-getter in the March 7 balloting.

Neither al-Mahalawi's brother nor any construction workers

were at the site when the bombs went off, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to talk to the media.

Despite Allawi's narrow election victory, his road to regaining the premiership is not certain. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki denounced the

Al-Maliki's Gamble



The challenge by Iraq's Shiite prime minister to election results that showed him coming in a close second to

his chief rival — Sunni-backed Ayad Allawi — is a risky tactic. If Nouri al-Maliki succeeds in his attempt to block the secular Shiite Allawi from forming a coalition government, it would leave the minority Sunni Arabs seething. Analysts say that could unleash fresh sectarian violence just as the U.S. is preparing to pull all of its troops out of the country. (AP)

election outcome, and his supporters have vowed to fight the results.

In a worrying sign of the sectarian tensions the elections have stirred up, a Sunni leader in a Baghdad neighborhood, Khalil al-Obaidi, who on Friday night celebrated Allawi's win by passing out candy, was killed by a sniper Saturday morning, police and hospital officials said. SINAN SALAHEDDIN (AP)

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World

Thai Protesters Take Fight to TV

Opposition, PM try to defuse crisis with national broadcasts

Bangkok

Thailand's prime minister met his political opponents on live television Sunday to try to defuse a crisis that has produced huge demonstrations and sent him fleeing to live at an army base, but the protest leaders said new elections are the only answer.

Viewers across the nation watched three men in red and three in blue — the "Red Shirt" protesters, and Prime Minister Abhisit Vej-

java and two advisers, respectively — shake hands with strained smiles across a conference table before reiterating their sharply different stanc-

"Our request is simple and direct: We would like Parliament dissolved."

— VEERA MUKSİKAPONG, PROTESTER

es. More talks were set for Monday, but Sunday's three-hour meeting offered little reason to believe any agreement could be reached.

Abhisit has repeatedly reject-



AP/CHART WEERAWONG/AP

Thai anti-government protesters watch a televised debate in Bangkok Sunday.

ed the protesters' demands that he dissolve Parliament, arguing that calling new elections will not fix Thailand's political problems.

"The wound in this country cannot be healed by dissolving Parliament," Abhisit said. "I have to make a decision based on a consensus from the entire country, including the Red Shirts. ... If I dissolve Parliament, what color shirts will spring up next?"

The talks were a relatively calm moment after more than two weeks of protests that have drawn more than 100,000 people to peaceful but increasingly confrontational rallies against a government that demonstrators consider illegitimate. The protests have raised concerns of violence and prompted travel warnings from three dozen countries. JOCELYN GECKER (AP)

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President Obama speaks with Afghan President Hamid Karzai during a meeting at the Presidential Palace in Kabul Sunday. Obama landed in Afghanistan on a surprise visit, his first since taking office, to meet Karzai.

A Message From the Top

In surprise visit, Obama demands more accountability from Afghan officials

Kabul

On an Afghanistan trip shrouded in secrecy, President Obama demanded accountability from the country's leaders, greater vigilance against corruption and better governing as he widens America's commitment to the eight-year-old war he inherited and then dramatically escalated.

Obama said the U.S. would not quit in Afghanistan, but he made clear that he's looking for an end to direct involvement in the fight against Taliban and al-Qaeda extremists. He drove that point home in meetings with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and his Cabinet in the capital, and in a speech before a cheering crowd of about 2,500 troops and civilians at Bagram Air Field north of Kabul.

"The United States is a partner, but our intent is to make sure that the Afghans have the capacity to provide for their own security; that is core to our mission," Obama told the troops at Bagram,

"Our intent is to make sure that the Afghans have the capacity to provide for their own security."

— PRESIDENT OBAMA, DISCUSSING HIS GOALS FOR THE AFGHAN WAR IN AN ADDRESS ON SUNDAY TO U.S. TROOPS AND CIVILIANS AT BAGRAM AIR FIELD NORTH OF KABUL.

where he was greeted with thunderous applause.

"The Afghans have suffered for decades," he said, "but we are here to help the Afghans forge a hard-won peace."

Obama's speech to the troops, delivered in a cavernous tent known as the "clam shell," was the final event on his brief, only hours-

long trip that occurred entirely at night.

The trip was an extraordinary capstone to a momentous week in Obama's presidency. He achieved the most ambitious domestic policy initiative in decades with a historic health care overhaul and scored his first major foreign policy achievement with a significant new arms

control treaty with Russia.

Obama's aides did not try to hide U.S. impatience about Afghanistan's halting efforts to battle corruption in government.

"The president [Karzai] needs to be seized with how important that is," said Jim Jones, Obama's national security adviser.

Obama told Karzai and his cabinet that he was pleased with progress made since his last discussion with Karzai on March 15. But he stressed that Afghans need to see conditions on the ground get better.

"Progress will continue to be made ... but we also want to con-

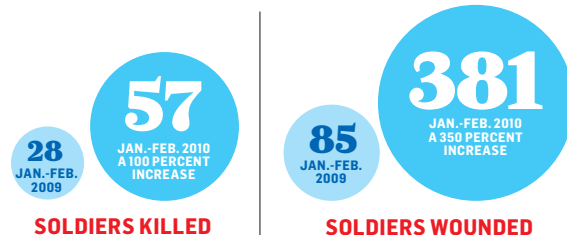
tinue to make progress on the civilian front," Obama said, referring to anti-corruption efforts, good governance and adherence to the rule of law. "All of these things end up resulting in an Afghanistan that is more prosperous and more secure."

The Afghan government has tried to tackle corruption in the past, with little success, but Karzai pledged after fraud-marred August elections to rein in graft by making officials declare their assets and giving the country's anti-corruption watchdog more power to go after those accused of misusing their office. JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

An Escalating Death Toll

The number of U.S. troops killed in Afghanistan has roughly doubled in the first three months of 2010 compared to the same period last year, as Washington has added tens of thousands of additional soldiers. Those deaths have been accompanied by a dramatic spike in the number of wounded, with injuries more than tripling in the first two months of the year. U.S. officials have warned that casualties are likely to rise even further as the Pentagon completes its deployment of 30,000 additional troops and sets its sights on the Taliban's home base of Kandahar province, where a major operation is expected in the coming months. (AP)

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Fairfax Mulls Connector Cuts

Riders band together to help save seven lines on the chopping block

Reston, Va.

One February night, a woman boarded Deloris Bailey's 553 Fairfax Connector and said, "They're going to cut our bus!"

Bailey and some fellow passengers were shocked: Bus service had already been reduced last year by almost 40 percent.

To get to work in the District, Reston commuters have the option of riding the bus to the West Falls Church Metro station; joining the tens of thousands of drivers on the road; or jockeying for a spot at one of four Park and Ride lots, three of which are filled to capacity, and then taking a bus to a Metro station.

For Bailey, 48, who lives in Reston, the bus is the best option. She learned last month, however, that Fairfax County was not only planning to cut her bus line but also six other routes in June.

In February, Fairfax County presented proposals for fiscal 2011 that would eliminate seven bus



Fairfax County has proposed cutting the 552, 553, 554, 557, 929, 951 and 952 bus lines.

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Meanwhile ...

Metro riders who want to walk or bike to the Rhode Island Avenue station will soon have an easier time of it. Metro's board of directors has approved an agreement allowing the D.C. Department of Transportation to build a bicycle and pedestrian bridge to the station. The bridge is meant to provide a safer and more direct connection between the station and neighborhoods to the west, and will provide access from the Metropolitan Branch Trail. The District of Columbia is spending about \$4 million on the project, and will operate and maintain the bridge. It is expected to open in the fall of 2011. (AP)

routes: the 552, 553, 554, 557, 929, 951 and 952.

Now, what started as a few e-mail exchanges among concerned riders has grown into a movement to save the Dulles Corridor buses. Bailey created a Web site and Facebook group to help promote discussion.

Her goal is to spread the word and make sure affected riders attend public hearings on the budget cuts scheduled for April 6 through April 8.

Behind the proposed bus route cuts is the loss of a \$6.7 million grant funded by Dulles Toll Road revenues.

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation used to provide the grant before the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority received control of the Dulles Toll Road and its revenues in November 2008.

Plans have been in the works for years for the revenue to be diverted to the Dulles Metrorail project. The county, which in the past would match the state grant, has a projected shortfall of \$257.2 million for fiscal 2011. **NICOLE NORFLEET** (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Ex-U.S. House Representative Parris Dies at 80

Washington

Stanford E. Parris, 80, who served six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives as a Republican from Northern Virginia's Eighth District, died March 27 of heart disease at his home in Mathews County, Va.

Parris, who was a car dealer before entering politics, was first elected in 1972, then returned to Congress from 1981 to 1991.

He supported efforts to improve transportation in Northern Virginia, including HOV lanes on I-395, and helped transfer control of Dulles and National airports from the Federal Aviation Administration to a regional airport authority. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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The number of jobs lost in Virginia in February, more than any other state, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Maryland was fifth, losing 13,800 jobs in February, still less than California, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Both states are below the national unemployment rate, which was 9.7 percent in February. (AP)

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A New Start for Foreclosure Aid

President revamps the \$75B program to help homeowners

Personal Finance

The Obama administration on Friday announced a major reworking of its troubled \$75 billion plan to prevent foreclosures. The revamped program is now designed to aid jobless homeowners and people who owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth. Here's a look at the details.

How many homeowners will the program help?

The effort is designed to enable the government to reach its original goal of helping 3 million to 4 million homeowners avoid foreclosure by the end of 2012. That benchmark has so far proved impossible to approach. Only 170,000 homeowners have completed loan modifications, out of 1.1 million who began the government's Home Affordable Modification Program since it started last year.



PAUL SAKUMA/AP FILE

How many borrowers are still in trouble?

About 6 million homeowners have missed at least two months of payments, and experts warn that 10 million to 12 million borrowers are in danger of falling into foreclosure over the next three years. A growing risk is owners who are "under water"; they owe more on their loans than their homes are worth.

How does the new foreclosure plan work?

Borrowers will get help in three ways: Jobless homeowners can get a three-to-six-month break on their mortgage payments. Banks will get financial incentives to reduce mortgage balances for underwater borrowers. And lenders can offer refinanced loans backed by the Federal Housing Administration to these borrowers.

When will all these programs be available?

Government officials didn't specify but said they should become available in the coming months.

I owe more on my mortgage than my house is worth. Will this help me?

Maybe. The program depends on the willingness of mortgage companies to participate. Their track record has been shaky at best.

How does the aid for underwater owners work?

Mortgage companies that already take part in the government's foreclosure prevention program will have to consider reducing the mortgage amount for borrowers who owe at least 15 percent more than their home's current value. Those reductions will come over three years.

Who qualifies?

You must have a mortgage of less than \$729,750, and you have to be spending at least 31 percent of your pretax income on your mortgage payment. **ALAN ZIBEL (AP)**

DISCUSSIONS

Investing

Uncle Sam wants you — to save more. An option added to tax forms this year allows you to designate part or all of your federal income tax refund to purchase paper U.S. savings bonds known as I-bonds.

What exactly are I-bonds?

They are inflation-linked government savings bonds sold by the U.S. Treasury. They pay a fixed rate of interest and an adjustable component, which resets twice a year to reflect the Consumer Price Index. I-bonds earn interest for 30 years and are meant to be held for the long term.

What is the current yield?

The total return if you buy now is 3.36 percent. The fixed-rate component is 0.3 percent above inflation.

Why are I-bonds worthwhile?

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Familiar Territory for Spartans

Michigan State tops Tennessee for return trip to the Final Four

Men's NCAA Hoops

Don't bet against Tom Izzo and Michigan State this time of year.

Raymar Morgan's free throw with less than 2 seconds left gave the Spartans a 70-69 victory over Tennessee in the Midwest Regional final Sunday, sending Michigan State to its sixth Final Four in 12 years and second in a row.

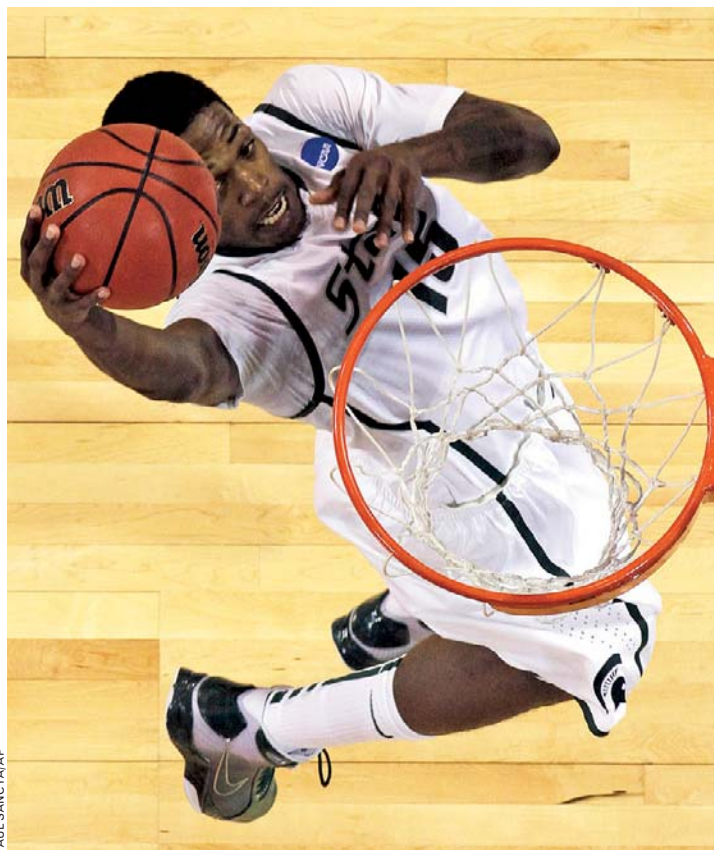
No team in the country — not North Carolina, not Kentucky, not UCLA — has done it better during that span. And all six trips have come under Izzo, the hard-nosed coach who preaches defense, rebounding and physical play.

"I like it more than I used to," Izzo said of playing in March. "It's even better than I thought."

Oh, and how's this for some symmetry? This happens to be the 10th anniversary of the "Flintstones," the team that gave Michigan State its second national title. Highlights from that run were included in the video montage of past championships that played on the Edward Jones Dome's massive Jumbotron during halftime.

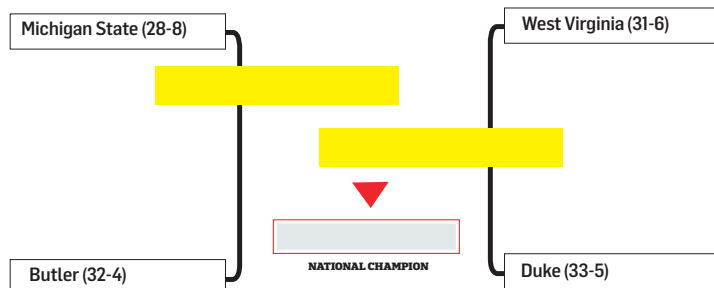
The Spartans, last year's national runner-up, will be looking for championship No. 3 next weekend in Indianapolis. They play Butler, sure to be the hometown favorite, in the semifinals Saturday night.

The fifth-seeded Spartans



Michigan State's Durrell Summers dunks in the Spartans' 70-69 victory Sunday.

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Meanwhile ...

Just as the NCAA tournament was on the verge of all four top seeds being eliminated before the Final Four, Duke held off a challenge from No. 3 seed Baylor in Houston on Sunday. The 78-71 victory gave the Blue Devils their first spot in the Final Four since 2004. Nolan Smith led the way with 27 points, and junior Jon Scheyer added 19 for Duke, which will next play West Virginia. (EXPRESS)

(28-8) led by as many as eight in the second half, but Brian Williams pulled Tennessee within 69-68 on a putback with 2:10 left. Korie Lucious, who took over as point guard after 2009 Big Ten player of the year Kalin Lucas ruptured his Achilles' tendon last weekend, missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with 29 seconds left, and Scotty Hopson got the rebound.

Hopson was fouled at the other end and made the first. But after a Michigan State timeout, he missed the second, and Lucious — generously listed at 5-foot-11 — ended up with the rebound.

Draymond Green fed the ball inside to Morgan, who got hacked by J.P. Prince with 1.8 seconds left. Morgan made the first and, after timeouts by both teams, missed the second — on purpose. Williams came up with the rebound, but Prince fumbled the inbounds pass and had to heave up a prayer that fell well short as the buzzer sounded. NANCY ARMOUR (AP)



Butler received a hero's welcome after winning the West region on Saturday.

It's Midnight Madness for Butler Upon Its Return

Men's Final Four

The school that never celebrates midnight madness to kick off the basketball season finally held a late-night campus party.

Sunday morning's March Madness bash was even better.

About eight hours after Butler beat second-seeded Kansas State 63-56 to reach the first Final Four in school history, the Bulldogs returned home to a large crowd and loud cheers.

"We've never had midnight madness here," coach Brad Stevens said with a smile. "So, I guess this is it for us."

As the team arrived shortly before 3 a.m., two hours later than anticipated, fans who stood patiently in chilly temperatures and sporadic rain showers began chanting, "Are you a Bulldog?" and swarmed the team buses.

Players were astounded by the welcome.

"It's sort of nuts," junior center Matt Howard said. "You know when we came back from the Sweet 16, there were about 20 people here. Look at it now."

Sophomore point guard Ronald Nored agreed that celebration was "awesome." MICHAEL MAROT (AP)

UConn Storms Past Iowa State

Women's NCAA Hoops

The first time Maya Moore touched the ball, she hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key. The second time, she hit one from the left corner. And so began another Connecticut rout.

Moore scored 16 of her 25 points in the opening nine minutes, and seemingly invincible UConn took it from

there to roll over Iowa State 74-36 in a regional semifinal Sunday.

"I don't think I've had a whipping like that since I was a little kid," Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly said.

The Huskies (36-0), now owners of a 75-game winning streak, have won their first three games in the tournament by a combined 148 points. (AP)

TV Lineup

WOMEN'S NCAA HOOPS (7 P.M., 9 P.M., ESPN) Baylor plays Duke and Xavier takes on Stanford as half of the women's Final Four is filled out.

NHL (7 P.M., VERSUS) The Boston Bruins host the Buffalo Sabres.

BASEBALL (1 P.M., ESPN) The St. Louis Cardinals play the Minnesota Twins as the final week of exhibition

games begins.

SOCCER (2:54 P.M., ESPN2) Manchester City hosts Wigan in the Premier League.

PREP HOOPS (7:30 P.M., ESPN2) Tomorrow's stars showcase their skills in the Powerade Jam Fest.

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Sports

Caps Flame Out Against Calgary

Theodore is pulled
early in a rare home
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The Capitals

Having reached the desperation
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offs, the Calgary Flames no doubt
wish they could get bonus points
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the top team in the league.

One day after captain Jarome
Iginla said the
Flames need to
“run the table” to
get into the post-
season, Calgary
posted one of its
most impressive

victories of the season, scoring
four goals in the first period of a
5-3 win Sunday against the Wash-
ington Capitals.

Ales Kotalik, Ian White, Jay
Bouwmeester, Niklas Hagman
and Rene Bourque scored for the
Flames, who won in Washington
for the first time in 11 years.

Alex Ovechkin got his 46th



A shot slips past Capitals goalie Jose Theodore in the first period of Sunday's game.

goal for Washington and also had
an assist to reach the 100-point
mark for the fourth time in his
five-year career.

David Steckel and Mathieu Per-
reault also scored for the Capitals,
who lost at home in regulation for
only the fifth time in 36 games
this season.

Washington's Jose Theodore

was pulled at 10:34 in the first
period after allowing three goals
on nine shots, but his franchise-
record 19-game streak without a
regulation loss (17-0-2) remains
intact because the Capitals later
scored three goals. That made
Semyon Varlamov, who gave up the
fourth goal, the goalie of record.

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



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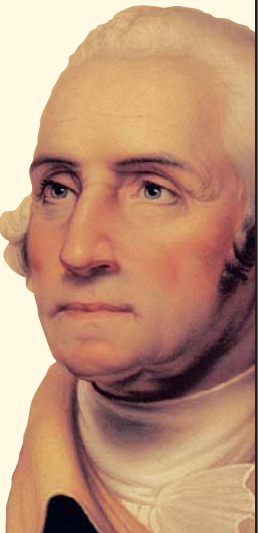
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Sports

Youth Wins Out for Nats

Rookie Desmond will be opening day starter at shortstop

The Nationals

The Washington Nationals made perhaps their biggest and boldest decision of this spring training by choosing 24-year-old rookie Ian Desmond as their starting shortstop over incumbent Cristian Guzman, the lone position player remaining from the fran-

"This is one of those moves we can make to help the club this year and in the future. ... It's hard to pass that up."

— NATS MANAGER JIM RIGGLEMAN, ON STARTING IAN DESMOND AT SHORT.

chise's first lineup upon arriving in Washington.

"We continue to focus on the '10 season," Manager Jim Riggleman said Sunday. "But this is a guy who we think can play for us in '10 and in '15. But for the year '10, he's playing really good in spring training. He may not be playing good in May, so Guzman may be



Ian Desmond beat out Cristian Guzman in the Nationals' shortstop competition.

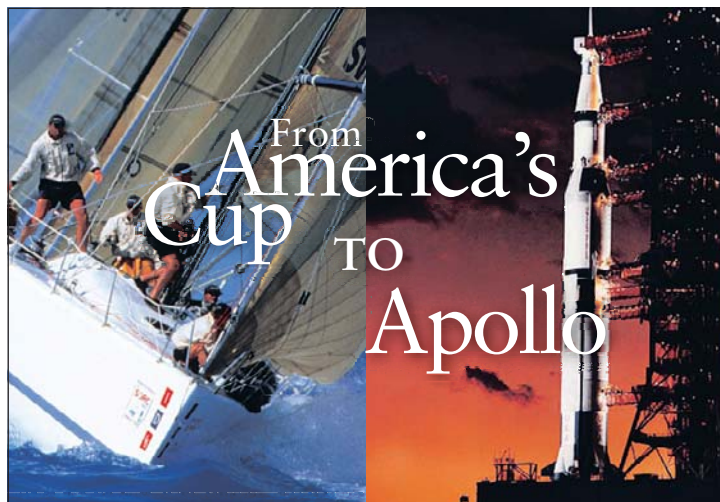
our shortstop. To open the season, we're going to give Dessie a shot there to hold that position down. We hope that works."

Guzman, set to make \$8 million this season, will serve as a utility player at least to begin the season. Desmond earned the position with his blistering spring, in which he has hit .278 with a .339 on-base percentage and .463 slugging percentage. He leads the Nationals with 12 RBI. The performance car-

ried over from his strong play in his major league debut last September as a call-up, when he hit .280 with a .318 on-base percentage and a .561 slugging percentage.

Guzman has been rehabbing his right shoulder, still balky from surgery last fall. The injury did not factor into Desmond's winning the spot, Riggleman said. He believes Guzman has played well this spring. It's just that Desmond has played better.

ADAM KILGORE (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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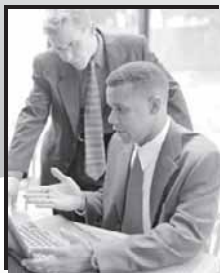
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Booze Clues

Shoot the Breeze

Now that it's spring, the patios everywhere are packed with boisterous 20-somethings quaffing Belgian beer. If only there was a way to whisper the name of my favorite low-key restaurant patio in your ear — only yours



By Fiona Zublin

— so you could enjoy it without worrying about the hordes descending and ruining your peace. Maybe we should have some sort of paid subscription for things like this. Hey, guys, I just figured out a way to save the newspaper business! Anyway, everyone will know about it now, so just try to get there first.

Floriana Mercury Grill (1602 17th St. NW) is a place you've probably seen while strolling through Dupont. It's not as popular as, say, Brasserie Beck, and that's stupid. The patio is enormous, and the drink specials are sweet. Check it out now: Weekdays 5 p.m.-7 p.m. all beers are \$3, and all drinks are doubles. Mondays and Tuesdays you can get half-price pasta all night, so follow your boozing with some good old-fashioned carbohydrates. I love Mondays.

In Case of Weather

If it rains, as it is wont to do in the springtime, just cross the street. Of the block-long strip of fungible bars on 17th Street, we're going to recommend Trio (1537 17th St. NW) for your happy hour needs, because its patio walls can roll down and afford you a dry drinking experience. The fare is unremarkable: Nothing will make you sick; nothing will change your life. From 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., you can snag \$3.50 rail drinks and beers.

Single, Ready To Mingle

A newly divorced Usher oozes naughty on an album full of sex-fueled singles

CD Review

Usher is back in business, and he's ready to make love in the club, on the dance floor, with strangers — whatever. Months after his split from Tameka Foster, finalized in November, Usher is ready if you're willing — and most of "Raymond v. Raymond" describes the numerous dirty ways in which he'll make you his.

Most of the album's tracks are about Usher's reclaiming his role as one of his generation's greatest sex symbols, he of the absurdly defined six-pack and phenomenally smooth dance moves. First, there's "Hey Daddy (Daddy's Home)" — Usher urging his girl to "do that damn thing, let the neighbors hear," and assuring her, "You know your daddy's home, it's time to play." In case you couldn't tell, he's the dominant one.

Then there's another single, "Lil Freak," which over an almost unrecognizably tweaked sample from Stevie Wonder's "Living for the City" lays out a tale of Usher plotting a threesome. If you were still unsure of Usher's raging libido, then you can learn more about it with tracks such as the bombastic, horn-heavy "She Don't Know," in which guest star Ludacris refers

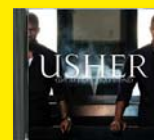


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Usher's libido should have been listed as a contributing artist on "Raymond."

Inspiration

Dear Ex-Wife ...



Several tracks on "Raymond v. Raymond" can be heard as rumina-

tions on Usher's failed marriage: "She Don't Know," a "Did he jump, or was he pushed?" tale of temptation that features declarative horn bursts and a throbbing beat; the sorrowful adulterous confessional "Foolin' Around"; and "Guilty," a wildly catchy, synth-fueled defense of the louche life. The album's title — inspired, according to Usher, by the 1979 divorce film, 'Kramer vs. Kramer' — will undoubtedly further this story line, even though the singer himself disputed its significance. R.H.

to women as "hors d'oeuvres," but, like, with a "wh."

Sure, Usher does slow it down: Less-frantic tracks such as "There Goes My Baby" and "Foolin' Around" focus more on love than lust, discussing the hardship of relationships and how "the lies I tell" can unravel everything.

But if there's anything that the deliciously naughty "Raymond v. Raymond" proves, it's that Usher loves himself most of all — oh, and sex. ROXANA HADADI



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1 Neighborhood Watch

"Clybourne Park," the latest play at Woolly Mammoth Theatre, was inspired by "A Raisin in the Sun," the classic drama about a black family seeking to move into a white neighborhood. This take on the story delves deeper into modern racial politics without ever losing its sense of humor. **F.Z. Woolly Mammoth, 641 D St. NW; through April 11, \$20-\$62; 202-393-3939, Woollymammoth.net. (Gallery Place)**

2 Zac Attack

"Me and Orson Welles" is only sort of about Orson Welles. It's mostly about the "me" — a teenager cast in Welles' stage production of "Citizen Kane" and played by "High School Musical" hottie Zac Efron. The AFI is showing the film as part of its "Larger Than Life: Orson Welles" series. **F.Z. AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; series continues into May; 301-495-6720, Afi.com/silver. (Silver Spring)**

3 Bud and Snap

If you do make it out to that most cliché of all Washington events, the National Cherry Blossom Festival, you'll probably come back with a camera-full of eyes-closed mid-sentence pictures that you'll put on Facebook to ruin your friendships. Or, as part of the festival, you can take part in a photo safari that'll teach you how to take decent photographs. **F.Z. Tidal Basin; through April 11, \$59-\$99; Washingtonphotosafari.com.**



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FAM
8:00

10 Things I Hate About You

The comedy series loosely based on "The Taming of the Shrew" returns for a second season with "Da Repercussions." Kat and Patrick (Lindsey Shaw and Ethan Peck, pictured) both get suspended after they are caught skipping school — a punishment that could ruin Kat's GPA.



NBC
10:00

Law & Order When Dr. Oscar Silva, an environmental scientist, is poisoned during a conference, Lupo and Bernard suspect rival scholars. The focus of the investigation shifts when the detectives learn Silva is involved in a tense custody battle with his wife's ex-husband.

TNT
10:00



Saving Grace Holly Hunter concludes her role as Oklahoma City police detective Grace Hanadarko in the final nine episodes. The opener picks up right after Grace and Neely's surprisingly nonfatal fall from the top of a building. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



HISTORY CHANNEL

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HIST
9:00

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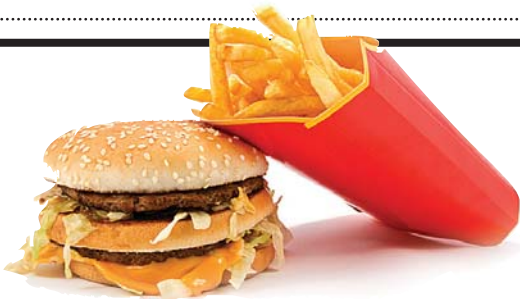
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Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19) High-quality time spent with a loved one is not to be taken lightly. You two have much to talk about, and certain shared experiences demand analysis.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may not have to pay for what you really want, but don't jump at the first chance you have to grab it. Wait your turn.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Leave it to the experts to come up with a way to overcomplicate something that should be straightforward and quite natural.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll have a chance to go back and review your progress before the day is out. You may realize you've only scratched the surface.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't let fatigue catch up with you. Once you've committed to a finished job, you'll have to come through — so pace yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may be more willing than you thought to engage in something unusual or down-right bizarre. Remember: It's all in fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're sure to be disappointed if a certain project goes south, but it's not the end of the world. A new option is revealed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Are you listening to those who really have something to say? Or are you one of those who thinks that you, too, should be sharing your opinions?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Technological advances may actually get in your way. What passes for increased communication may actually be quite the opposite.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your care for those younger than you will come out in many ways — and anyone in your charge will feel well cared for and safe.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may not know how to express your feelings, but you'll figure out a way to let someone know that you're for real.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A minor rearrangement on the home front can provide you with the stimulus you need. A period of increased productivity is upon you.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 214

A ₁	I ₁	Y ₄	N ₁	N ₁	F ₄	C ₃

Double
Word Score

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RACK 1

E ₁	I ₁	I ₁	P ₃	T ₁	N ₁	F ₄

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RACK 2

E ₁	O ₁	U ₁	R ₁	R ₁	L ₁	C ₃

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RACK 3

E ₁	O ₁	K ₅	R ₁	N ₁	T ₁	W ₄

3rd Letter
Triple

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RACK 4

Friday's Solution

F ₄	R ₁	A ₁	N ₁	T ₁	I ₁	C ₃	RACK 1 =	70	
F ₄	R ₁	E ₁	N ₁	U ₁	M ₃		RACK 2 =	11	
T ₁	R ₁	I ₁	C ₃	E ₁	P ₃	S ₁	RACK 3 =	61	
L ₁	O ₁	Y ₄	A ₁	L ₁	E ₁	R ₁	RACK 4 =	70	
PAR SCORE 155-165								TOTAL	212

FOUR RACK TOTAL

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Sudoku

EASY

5		8		2		9		7
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1		6	3		8	4		9
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6				4				2
			7		3			
7		9		6		1		3

Friday's Solution

6	9	2	4	5	8	7	3	1
5	3	1	9	2	7	8	4	6
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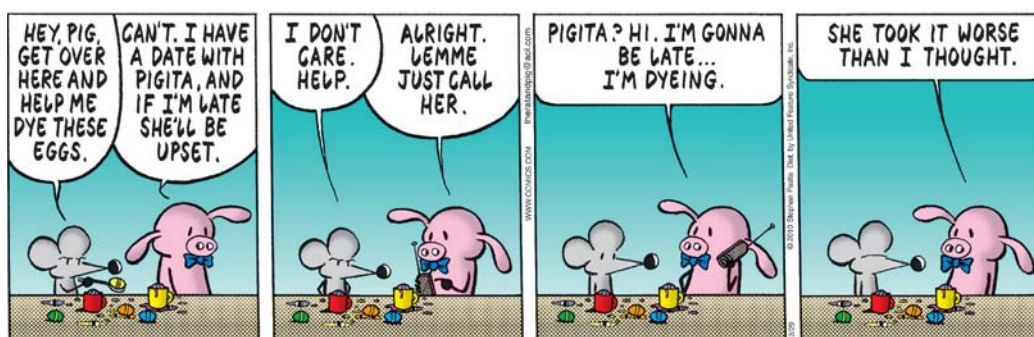
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Forecast

62 | 47

Today: Breezy today with pouring rain. Breezy tonight with rain.

52 | 43

Tomorrow: Breezy and cooler tomorrow with rain. Mostly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



WED **THU** **FRI**
63 | 49 74 | 54 78 | 54


Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 6:58 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:29 p.m.
Moonrise today: 7:25 p.m.
Moonset today: 6:18 a.m.

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Record low: 21

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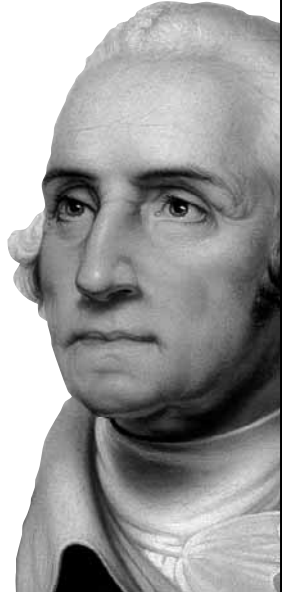
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Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Like rain forest air
- 6 Temperature extreme
- 10 Gloomy atmosphere
- 14 Ascend
- 15 Best of the theater
- 16 Comic-strip light bulb
- 17 Jewish month
- 18 Affirmatives at sea
- 19 Former former?
- 20 Wide receiver?
- 23 Food merchant
- 25 It sells, they say
- 26 Payment to a broker
- 27 ___ de cologne
- 28 Word with "rehearsal" or "code"
- 31 Shopping bags
- 33 Pisa pocket change, once
- 35 "High Hopes" animal
- 36 Type of computer monitor
- 37 Vehicle IDs
- 42 Mason's trough
- 43 Island ring
- 44 "And later ___ the crowd thinned out ..." (Dylan lyric)
- 46 Gawks lasciviously
- 49 Acquires
- 51 Home of the Fighting Tigers
- 52 DOT agency
- 53 Suffix with "invent"
- 55 Cut with a scalpel
- 57 Some alien crafts
- 61 Street-lining trees, sometimes
- 62 Pants problems
- 63 Rush-hour accumulation
- 66 Patricia of "Breakfast at Tiffany's"
- 67 Word ending a threat
- 68 John of farm-equipment fame
- 69 .00001 newtons
- 70 Dates frequently
- 71 Pressure cooker filler

DOWN

- 1 Solo in a space flick
- 2 Canton in the Reuss River valley

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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69						70				71				

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- 3 Jefferson City's state
- 4 Soulful Hayes
- 5 In need of a body shop
- 6 Medically mend
- 7 Tennyson product (var.)
- 8 Banded rock
- 9 Proverbial waste maker
- 10 Like a storied piper
- 11 Not anchored
- 12 One who gives dollars for quarters
- 13 Workshop fixtures
- 21 Purposeful excursion
- 22 Unbilled person
- 23 Toothpaste variety
- 24 Commuter's choice
- 29 Neon borders?
- 30 Inscribed monument (var.)
- 32 Snorkel's pooch

- 34 Feel a dull pain
- 36 Outpatient facility
- 38 Rose-red dye
- 39 Part of mph
- 40 Military recruit
- 41 Cause for a child's scolding
- 45 Be a plaintiff
- 46 Put one's nose out of joint
- 47 Shipboard kitchen
- 48 One befuddled by jargon
- 49 Preserve, as fodder
- 50 Golf's Slammin' Sam and family
- 54 Some fairy-tale villains
- 56 Salad oil holder
- 58 Ireland, the Emerald

- 59 Stained glass locale, perhaps
- 60 Applies
- 64 "... good witch ___ bad witch?" (Glinda's query)
- 65 Half of a school yr.

Friday's Solution

1	P	E	R	T		6	A	B	B	A	S		12	I	T	S	A
14	A	Y	A	H		15	R	E	A	C	H		16	S	E	P	T
17	G	E	T	O		18	N	E	F	R	E		19	E	R	I	E
20	E	L	I		21	U	N	I	T		22	T	H	E	R	E	
24	R	E	F		25	D	A	T		26	P	L	U	M	A	G	E
28	S	T	Y	L		29	S	T	R	A	P		30	P	E	N	
31	N	O	M		32	H	E	N		33	G	I	L	D			
34	E	B	O	N		35	N	E	T		36	S	P	Y			
38	S	O	T		39	S	T	R	A		40	E	N	T	E	R	
41	P	L	A	C	E	B	O		42	E	A	R		43	R	A	E
44	S	T	E	A	L		45	A	F	R	O		46	A	R	E	
47	T	H	I	N		48	A	S	S	E	N		49	O	N	T	V
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Today in History

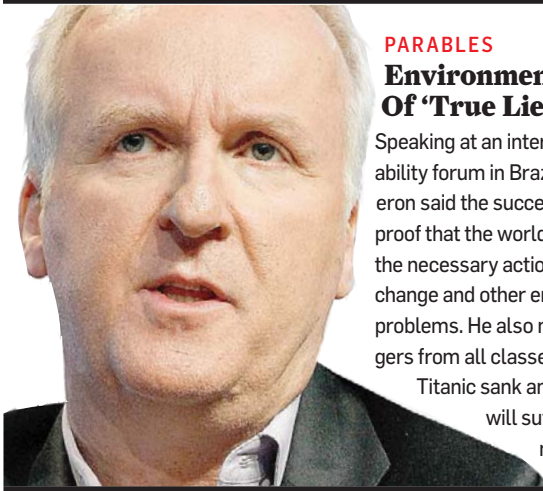
- 1812** The first White House wedding takes place; first lady Dolly Madison's sister Lucy Payne Washington marries Supreme Court Justice Thomas Todd.
- 1943** Rationing of meat, butter and cheese in the U.S. begins during World War II.
- 1961** Washington, D.C., residents win the right to vote in presidential elections.



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Environmental Message Of 'True Lies' Unclear

Speaking at an international sustainability forum in Brazil, James Cameron said the success of "Avatar" is proof that the world is ready to take the necessary actions to stop climate change and other environmental problems. He also noted that passengers from all classes died when the

Titanic sank and that everyone will suffer because of climate change. (AP)

MODEST PURCHASES

Money Makes People Do Totally Normal Things

Susan Boyle, who just received a royalty check of \$6 million, is looking to invest in real estate, People.com reported. The singer has made an offer on a house in Blackburn, Scotland — the same town she lives in now. The house has five bedrooms and an asking price of \$447,000. Boyle currently lives in public housing. (EXPRESS)



ANDREW MILLIGAN/AP

Next she'll want something equally wealth-flaunting, like a used minivan.

Dirtbag Digest**Octomom Still On the Market**

Jon Gosselin's 25-year-old girlfriend, Morgan Christie, has dumped him, a source told Usmagazine.com. "He's a mess and feels like a loser," the source said. Christie, a law school student, and Gosselin met while snowboarding in Utah. They reportedly were "all over each other" at the Sundance Film Festival in January. (EXPRESS)



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Luckily, it's only semi-permanent. Twenty or so lye baths will get it right out!

STRANGE RITUALS

An Annual Tradition

Nickelodeon's Kids' Choice Awards aired Saturday night, which means newspapers can run their yearly photo of a star getting a bucket of slime poured over him/her. This year, Katy Perry (who presented the Favorite Movie Actress trophy to Miley Cyrus), above, was one victim. "Why does it taste like boogers?" Perry asked. Other winners included Taylor Lautner (Favorite Actor, and half of Cutest Couple — the other half being "New Moon" co-star Kristen Stewart) and Taylor Swift for Female Artist and Best Song. (AP)



SAD

Dennis Hopper Honored With Walk of Fame Star

A frail Dennis Hopper, who is battling prostate cancer, was surrounded by friends, family and colleagues Friday as he was honored with a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. The actor, who has appeared in more than 100 films, said he came to Hollywood from his native Kansas at 18, "so that was my college." "Everything I've learned, I've learned from Hollywood," he said. (AP)

"Bieber fever ... I'm not necessarily a fan. I like Kurt Cobain. He is, like, my dream boyfriend."



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